

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment coping adapted for use with a prosthetic dental abutment, the coping being anatomically resemblant to a tooth selected from the group consisting of a molar, a premolar, a canine and an incisor,

wherein the coping is not premounted to an abutment but is selectable and attachable to an abutment by a clinician.

2. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment coping according to claim 1 wherein the coping is adapted to be rotatably mounted to an abutment.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment coping according to claim 2 wherein the coping is rotatably mounted with 360 degrees of freedom.

7. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment coping according to claim 1 wherein the coping is adapted to form a snap fit with the abutment and withstand rotational forces during ~~the making~~ manufacture of ~~[[the]]~~ a tooth preparation.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment coping according to claim 1 wherein the coping comprises a "burn out" plastic or lost wax material that is usable in a lost-wax process.

13. (Currently amended) A prosthetic dental abutment coping according to claim 12 wherein the burn-out plastic ~~material~~ is a polycarbonate resin.

14. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly comprising:
a dental prosthetic abutment which is adapted for attachment to a dental implant placed in a patient; and
a prosthetic dental coping that is anatomically resemblant to a tooth,
wherein the abutment is adapted to engage the coping and the coping is not premounted to the abutment.

15. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 14 wherein the abutment forms a rotatable fit with the coping.

16. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 14 wherein the abutment is provided with means for forming a stable retaining joint with the coping during the preparation thereof.

17. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 16 wherein the coping comprises corresponding means for forming a stable retaining joint with the abutment.

18. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 17 wherein the stable retaining joints of the abutment and the coping comprise an annular recess and an annular lip adapted to engage with one another.

19. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18 wherein the abutment is provided with the annular lip and the coping is provided with the annular recess.

20. (Previously presented) A dental prosthetic assembly according to claim 18 wherein the abutment is provided with the annular recess and the coping is provided with the annular lip.

21. (Previously presented) A prosthetic dental abutment plastics coping according to claim 1 wherein the coping comprises a transgingival margin.

22-55. (Cancelled)